

Foundation for Community Empowerment

Organization Description

The Foundation for Community Empowerment (FCE), founded in 1995 by J. McDonald Williams, Chairman Emeritus of the Trammell Crow Company, is a Dallas-based and Dallas-focused intermediary. FCE seeks to build bridges of opportunity and to foster relationships where investments of money, time, people, and resources should be directed. FCE's asset-based work is focused in three areas: community development, education initiatives and social capital development.

Project Description

The project will facilitate collaborative, cross-sector partnerships with local government agencies, foundations, and businesses through workshops, sub-awards, and the cultivation and promotion of best practices and replicable models.

Geographic Scope of Project

City of Dallas, Texas

Partnering Organizations

None

Sub-Awards

FCE will provide \$411,000 to 25-50 organizations annually and will target sub-awards to two audiences:

- Awards between \$500 and \$5000—grassroots neighborhood associations and start-up community and faith-based organizations
- Awards between \$10,000 and \$50,000—established nonprofit groups

Priority will be given to organizations working in the areas of: at-risk youth, homelessness, affordable housing, high school graduation, family structure and stability, substance abuse, welfare-to-work, and prisoner re-entry.

Project Objectives

1. Provide 600 training opportunities in Year 1 to community and faith-based organization leaders through a series of six workshops;
2. Improve operational, program, and service capacities for participating community and faith-based organizations through the development of a N-Cap profile and individualized organizational improvement plans;
3. Provide sub-grants to 25-50 community and faith-based organizations that participate in the training opportunities provided;
4. Improve the ability of community and faith-based organizations to access new financial resources and develop new program partnerships;
5. Identify and promote promising and effective practices;
6. Identify and cultivate community and faith-based organization programs to become future program models.

Project Strategies

- Develop and offer community and faith-based organizations basic capacity building training workshops tailored for comprehensive community development in the city of Dallas;
- Complete a geographical information system (GIS) based neighborhood mapping project for all low-income areas of Dallas, which will provide demographic, economic, social and life-quality data and neighborhood assets to strengthen program development and support outcome measurement needs;
- Provide leadership, assistance, and ongoing coaching to facilitate the community and faith-based organizations in the formation of collaborations.

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